

A Proposition to Stop the War.

LONDON, June 18.—Mr. Mason Envoy of the Confederate States has sent to the Times a copy of a correspondence with a Mr. Conway, an American gentleman, who was introduced to the public at the London Tavern, on last Tuesday, in which Mr. Conway proposes that if the Confederates emancipate their slaves, the North will stop the war.

Mr. Conway commences his letter, dated June 10th, by informing Mr. Mason that he (Conway) is authorized, on behalf of the Anti-slavery people of America, who have sent him to this country, to propose that, if the Confederate States will immediately commence the work of negro emancipation, the Abolitionists and Anti-slavery leaders of the Northern States shall at once oppose the further prosecution of the war; and since they hold the balance of power, they will cause the war to cease by an immediate withdrawal of every kind of supplies.

Mr. Mason replied to this by saying that the proposition is worthy of the greatest consideration, and requests Mr. Conway to produce his credentials.

To this request Mr. Conway answers that he will send to America for them.

Mr. Mason on receipt of Mr. Conway's reply, at once terminated the correspondence.

The London Morning Herald publishes a long appeal from nearly one hundred ministers of all denominations in the Confederate States, seeking to enlist English sympathy in the Confederate cause. It is stated that the address originated from no political source whatever, but from a conference of ministers held at Richmond. The address takes the ground that the restoration of the Union is impossible. The London Times considers it a most important document.

The Emperor Napoleon has addressed a letter to General Forey, testifying the strong satisfaction which the capture of Puebla has given him. The Emperor also expresses his appreciation of the perseverance and courage of the army, which he says, in a distant expedition, fought against the climate and an enemy so much more obstinate because deceived respecting his intentions.

The U. S. Navy Department will discharge, for the present, all the steamers chartered to chase the privateer Tacony. Having been engaged only a few days, they will return soon. Meantime over twenty new steamers, built for the Navy, will be ready for sea within three weeks, and will probably be sent after the Alabama.

There was an alarm in Portland, on Monday morning, occasioned by soldiers seeing two schooners below Fort Preble, acting as if they intended to make an attack. The garrison was beat to quarters, the alarm was sounded, and the people in the surrounding villages were called out, and notice was sent over to the city that two more privateers were in sight. The vessels, however, proved to be only two fishermen, who were totally incapable of doing any harm.

Some time ago Gen. Blunt, commanding the district of Kansas, issued an order prohibiting the circulation in his department of the Caucasian, Chicago Times, Columbus Crisis, Cincinnati Enquirer and New York World. In pursuance of this order an enormous bundle of these interdicted papers was burned in front of the Planters' House, Leavenworth, on the 20th instant, under the direction of the mayor of the city.

DEFERRED ITEMS.

General Hooker has left for Baltimore, to which place he has been ordered to report.—His personal staff, including General Butterfield, accompany him. The officers of the several departments at headquarters will doubtless remain.

An official order has been issued by the War Department, authorizing the enlistment in the various States of volunteer infantry, cavalry and artillery, to be designated the "Veteran Volunteers," and to be composed of those who have heretofore been enlisted and served not less than nine months. Their term of service is to be for three years or during the war, and a bounty of \$402 will be paid in installments.

In Monroe county, Indiana, there are said to be 1,500 men combined to resist the enrollment. Colonel Biddle, who has four companies there, has asked for reinforcements and a section of artillery.

The brigantine Golden Rule, which has arrived at Halifax reports that on the passage out she passed a U. S. gunboat, name unknown, short of provisions. She says she was taken by the Confederate privateer Florida. Also, that on the 18th of June, on the passage to Halifax, she was fired at to heave to by the Federal gunboat Tuscarora. An officer came on board and examined the ship's papers. He said they were in search of the gunboat that boarded the Golden Rule.

Gunboats are in each of the Gunpowder rivers and at Havre-de-Grace. Also at Bush River.

William H. Kern, ex-provost marshal of Philadelphia, who was convicted some time since of a charge of obtaining money under false pretence, (securing fifty dollars from a soldier under the pretence that he had authority to procure for him a discharge,) was sentenced on Saturday to three months' imprisonment.

Gen. Hays, of Couch's late corps, who was taken prisoner at Chancellorsville and carried to Richmond, was recently exchanged. He is now to command French's division—Gen. F. having been ordered to the command at Harper's Ferry.

At York, Pa., no private families were molested by the Confederates. The citizens were all treated with respect, and railroad property was not disturbed except about thirty old cars that were at the shops for repairs.

A New York letter dated Monday, says:—"The advance of the Confederates caused intense excitement to-day in petroleum oil, coal and cotton. The speculators were absolutely wild. The advance in the first mentioned article was equal to 2½¢ @ 5c. per gallon, for future delivery. Cotton is up 3 cts per pound, and coal was held materially higher, with but little inclination to sell. The produce markets were not visibly influenced."

Gen. Corcoran, at present commanding at Suffolk, has issued a circular, dated June 26, in which he earnestly requests all ladies, wives of officers and soldiers, at that post on date, to leave immediately, as to remain longer would be dangerous to themselves and embarrassing to the movements of the command.

Lord Palmerston, during a speech at Guildhall, London, stated that France and England were in accord on all questions "of peace or war in the East or in the West."

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